

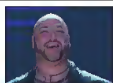
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Speedway opponents settle

Details about agreement won't be discussed until hearing starts

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Canadian Motor Speedway and one of its main opponents have come to an agreement.

Prior to Monday's council-in-committee meeting, a special closed session meeting was held, where local politicians passed a recommendation to authorize the signing of the minutes of settlement between the Citizens Coalition of Greater Fort Erie (CCGFE), the Town of Fort Erie and the Niagara Region.

"This is a welcome, positive turn of events for the Town," said mayor Doug Martin.

"This agreement will definitely reduce the length of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing in June," said Martin.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Students from Bertie Public Elementary School were at Fort Erie Secondary School painting one of the floats that will be featured in the Grande Parade on June 23. Students from FESS, Rose Seaton, General Vanier, Garrison Road and Fort Erie Elementary School have helped recreate the Peace Bridge. When it's finished, the bridge will be eight feet long and six feet high.

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Organizer expects Grande Parade to be an impressive sight for many

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Anticipation is building for what will likely be the biggest parade Fort Erie citizens will ever see.

Next Saturday, thousands from the Niagara region, from across Canada and even places in the U.S. will gather in town to watch the Grande Parade and Military Tattoo.

The parade is a long standing tradition carried out to honour soldiers after they returned from war—a tradition that was never extended to the soldiers who fought so bravely in the War of 1812.

Those soldiers who risked their lives and fought for Canada so many years ago, will finally be celebrated—marking 200 years of peace between Canada and the U.S.

The event will be one of the largest 1812 bicentennial celebrations in North America, says John Johnston, project co-ordinator.

"It's going to be impressive."

General Rick Hillier, the former Chief of Defence Staff of the Canadians Forces will salute the passing procession as the honorary parade marshal.

The parade is expected to last two hours—those standing in the crowds will see almost 80 groups, including 1812 re-enactors, military units, antique cars, parade floats and displays.

The parade also features almost 40 bands that will entertain the crowd, says Johnston.

Highlights include the Central Band of the Canadian Forces, Canada's own Military Band, and the

Parris Island Marine Band, which is one of the premiere bands of the U.S. Marines, he adds.

The parade will pass by the reviewing stand, where General Hillier and other dignitaries will salute the bands and floats.

Johnston says choosing the route took much preparation and a lot of consideration was needed because of the large scale of the event.

"The parade had to have a logical starting point and ending point. Near the Old Fort was appropriate and along the Niagara Parkway is perfect because there is plenty of space for the parade and lots of room on either side for viewers."

It will start at Gilmore Road and Central Avenue. The parade will follow Gilmore Road and turn right on to the Niagara Parkway where it will continue until it reaches Beatrice Street near Old Fort Erie.

After the parade, the public is welcome to visit Old Fort Erie before the start of the Military Tattoo,

beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Tattoo opening ceremonies will include speeches from honorary guests including Hillier, and a Native peace performance.

The Tattoo will include a performance from the Ontario Provincial Police Pipe Band.

The evening will end with a band—a fireworks display has been designed to recreate the British, Canadian, and Native attack on the Fort in August 1814.

Fireworks begin at the Old Fort at 10 p.m. and will feature sound and narration.

Johnston says volunteers are still needed during the day of the parade.

For more information about the 1812 events visit www.FortErie1812.ca.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. on June 23.

Bleacher seating is available for purchase across from the reviewing stand at the corner of Queen Street and the Niagara Parkway during the parade. Bleachers are \$10 per seat.

Parking and shuttle service will run throughout the day from the Fort

Erie Racetrack along the parade route and to the Military Tattoo.

Parking is \$5 per vehicle and includes the use of the shuttle.

Remember a veteran



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Reverend Mark Gladding and the parish of St. Paul's are inviting the public to attend a memorial service for Officer James Kirby—a veteran from the War of 1812 buried in the church's cemetery along the Niagara Parkway. The service begins at 2 p.m. on June 17 and features light refreshments, tours and displays about the history of St. Paul's.

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Members of the 150th anniversary committee Leighton Leggett, Greg Stout, Ed Smith, President Bill Troupe and Jason Carpenter organized a party that was held last Saturday, honouring the service of Fort Erie's finest firefighters.



Ryker Waytana enjoyed climbing into the driver's seat of a classic fire truck.



Friends Madison Purnell, Carmen Burke and Maddie Taylor enjoyed the face painting at the celebration.



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Fire department celebrates 150 years

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Last Saturday marked the 150th anniversary of the many brave firefighters who have volunteered to risk their lives.

They protect the community's homes, businesses, and most importantly, the people.

The Fort Erie Fire Department has a long-standing history in the community which began when a massive fire broke out and swept through town in May of 1862.

The blaze started in a tavern

on Queen Street and burned its way down the Niagara Boulevard.

Thanks to Canada's neighbours to the south of the border, the fire was eventually put out by the Buffalo Fire Department.

After seeing the destruction the fire caused, the Town formed its own fire department.

This is what people celebrated at Fire Station 1, Bill Troupe, president of the 150th anniversary committee.

"Not only are we celebrating the 150th anniversary for the fire department, we are celebrating

150 years of volunteer firefighters who have served Fort Erie."

Despite a few clouds in the sky, there was a good turnout says Troupe.

The event was also an opportunity to raise funds for the fire department by offering a barbecue, live music and the chance to splash a volunteer firefighter in a dunk tank.

Most importantly, the day's celebrations were about giving back to the community, says Troupe.

Volunteer firefighters, their families and the public celebrated at Fire Station 1 on Bertie Street from 11 a.m. until midnight.

The celebration featured a number of activities for kids, antique fire equipment displays and a performance from local rock band More Bad News and the Horns From Hell.



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our editorial

There's fun for everyone at the library

It's that time of year again—the weather is warmer, the sun is shining and children are likely counting down the days until they are free from home-work.

Yes, summer is almost here and the anticipation is growing for those lucky students who get two entire months of freedom from early mornings and homework.

The first week or two with nothing to do might seem appealing, however, the time will come when the kids will say "I'm bored," or "there's nothing to do."

After the initial excitement of all that extra free time is over, or maybe just before, why not take the kids to the local branch of the Fort Erie Public Library?

The library's calendar is loaded with a number of fun activities and entertainment for kids to do.

When the kids take a break from enjoying the hot sun, stop into the library to cool off while reading a good adventure story, or rent a movie.

There will be science experiments, crafts, chess tournaments, Lego activities, and knitting workshops.

The Centennial branch of the library

even has its own Wii system and will be hosting video game tours during the summer months.

These are only a few of the things to do at the library during its summer programming.

And there's more entertainment for Mom, Dad, and some of the older kids, with recent movies playing including *The Hunger Games*, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* and *My Week With Marilyn*.

These movies will play at both the Centennial and the Crystal Ridge Branch during the month of July for just \$2 a person.

Going to the library for some summer fun is an easy and inexpensive way to be entertained free because all of the events are either free or they just cost a few dollars.

To find out more about what's going on at the library, why not stop in and grab a schedule.

-Sarah Ferguson



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to John Stickle for bringing celebrated professional wrestler Lee Henning to our attention (far right). Lee's 35-year-long wrestling career saw him travelling all over the world for matches. Afterwards, he retired to Crystal Beach sometime around the 1970s. Originally from Iowa, he wrestled under the names "Buildog" and

the "Man of 1000 Faces". John tells us that Lee was also a great golfer, and that this photo was snapped at a tournament held in Lee's honour at the Thunder Bay Golf Course.

The other golfers remain unidentified.

While celebrating Father's Day this weekend, perhaps you could help the Museum identify a couple of dads (and moms) in this

week's photo.

From the writing on the back of the photo, we think Rose Bearss, Frank Lejeune, and Doris Lightheart are in this photo.

If you can put names to faces or recognize anyone else in the photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

Local politicians need to maintain positivity with all levels of government

Dear Editor,

I was interested to read the two page statement by Mayor Martin and the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation on the state of the Fort Erie economy in your June 9 edition.

It is reassuring to read that the Council and EDTC recognize the economic challenges that exist and have a Four Part

Plan that provides solutions to the dire situation in which Fort Erie finds itself.

I wish them every success with this plan and getting the co-operation that is required from both the provincial and regional government entities involved to ensure that their solutions are implemented.

It is obviously vital that these levels of government provide positive, committed and speedy

approvals and agreements in order to make each element of the plan a reality.

What is not reassuring, however, is the sometimes insulting language used in the mayor's letter such as "implementation of provincial policies... hindering growth opportunities" or "how horrendous this callous decision will be on our community" to help enlist the support of the Ontario government.

We can all point to things we believe this provincial government should have done, not done or at least done better.

We can't, however, blame the government for 9/11 and its consequences for cross-border travel, the decline in interest in horse racing, Ontario's declining share of the North American auto market and its effect on the provincial economy or the strength of the

Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar.

Ontario as a whole faces huge challenges with many municipalities looking for government assistance.

If Fort Erie wants its deserved share of government support, I suggest our elected representatives and their employees start to work with the government and people like Minister Duguid in a positive manner.

I couldn't agree more

with the Mayor's final comment "we need everyone's support if we are to succeed in our efforts."

Obtaining that support starts with the Mayor, his Council, the EDTC and the Town of Fort Erie personnel operating energetically and positively with everyone, including all levels of government.

*Norman Rigg
Ridgeway*

opinion page

Racetrack has survived many challenges, but not the current Liberal government

Dear Editor,

Like many Fort Erie residents, I'm shocked and saddened to hear about the impending closure of the Fort Erie Racetrack this fall.

The race track has not only been an icon of our town but is also one of the longest running in North America.

The "Track" opened on June 16th, 1897 and has survived the great depres-

sion, multiple recessions, and two World Wars. But it will not survive Dalton McGuinty, Kim Craitor and this Liberal government.

As the Liberals continue to lay waste to jobs in Fort Erie, Mr. Craitor stands idly by, letting his Liberal colleagues attempt to destroy our town.

While Mr. Craitor says one thing locally, he sings a very different tune at Queen's Park instead of advocating for his com-

munity where it matters. As a backbench MPP, Mr. Craitor does not have a lot of opportunities to ask questions in the Ontario Legislature but on May 31st, Mr. Craitor did have his chance.

Did Mr. Craitor ask the Premier about the recent closure of the slots or the imminent closure of the racetrack that is threatening his riding?

Heck No! Instead, he lofted a softball question (probably

written for him) to the Health Minister about Tobacco policies.

This is an absolute disappointment from the man who is entrusted by the people of Fort Erie to fight on their behalf.

It is obvious that Mr. Craitor puts the interests of Dalton McGuinty and the Liberal Party ahead of those of his local constituents.

By voting for Dalton McGuinty's recent budget, and remaining silent on

the issue at Queen's Park, he has appallingly helped play a role in the closure of the racetrack.

Since Kim Craitor has been elected and re-elected MPP for the riding of Niagara Falls, he has supported a government that has closed the Fort Erie hospital ER, closed the Fort Erie slots, and now, closed the Fort Erie Racetrack.

Mr. Craitor talked about "putting people first" while campaigning in the

run up to the last election. I think it is more like "putting people out of jobs". And what does Mr. Craitor have to say about the poor decisions and reckless spending habits of his Liberal government?

More to the point, why is Mr. Craitor so afraid to say it where it matters most in the Legislature at Queens Park?

Mike Sansano
Fort Erie

At-large vote would pull town together

Dear Editor,

I write this letter in response to a letter to the editor that was published in last week's paper and written by Peter Bondfield.

In it, he suggests the interest of the east of our town is different than the interest of the west and states that because of this, the will of the populous east overrides the will of the west.

I would suggest that if interest in the east and west of our town are that much different that it erodes democracy, we have a real problem on our hands.

It's not like we are talking about the difference between the East and West of Canada here.

Fort Erie is a small town of 30,000 people, separated by a 15-20 minute drive to any neighbourhood in Town no matter where you live.

How can our interest be so different?

I know there are others who feel the same way as Mr. Bondfield does.

There is no question that a divide exists in our community.

Maybe it explains why the current Town Council has struggled to accomplish anything of great significance at this point in their term?

Maybe it also explains why Fort Erie continues to struggle to find its voice and place in the Niagara Region and in the Province of Ontario?

Maybe we spend more time fighting amongst ourselves instead of fighting for a better future for our Town?

I have a vision for Fort Erie that is much different. I see Fort Erie as ONE town, made up of several distinct neighbourhoods that all contribute equally to moving our community for-

ward. I see Town Council as ONE governing body that considers the issues of facing the Town as a whole and after debate and a decision is made, speaks with ONE voice. I see Fort Erie as ONE community, made up of the most diversified and talented group of citizens, who all come together in this time of crisis and find a way to turn our fortunes around and find ways to make Fort Erie the envy of the entire Niagara Region.

I know others believe in this vision too and if an At-Large election system is the first step towards ending the deep divisions that exist in our community and get us speaking with one voice again then I wholeheartedly support the change.

Ben McDermott
Fort Erie

Right of Passage back on table



Ontario Shorewalk Association founder Garry Skerrett & president Betty Van Oesch meet with Kim Craitor MPP at his Niagara Falls office recently. They presented him with a plaque expressing their appreciation for the work he has done & continues to do toward public Right of Passage on the Great Lakes shoreline. Craitor reintroduced Great Lakes Shoreline Right of Passage Act, 2012. It had first reading and was carried. It now goes under Bill 103.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

(1) URGENT-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH WAR OF 1812 GRAND PARADE

The Parade is in urgent need of additional volunteers. If you can devote some of your time on parade day, Saturday June 23, 2012 it will be greatly appreciated. Volunteer meetings to be held June 18 at Crystal Ridge Library and June 20 at Fort Erie Library, 6-7 pm. Kindly contact Eileen Ritenburg at 905-1600x2330; Cell: 905-658-6175; eileen.ritenburg@gmail.com

(2) NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

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In the interest of public health, noxious weeds requiring eradication as they appear are Goat's Beard, Thistles, Ragweed, Poison Ivy, Wild Carrot, etc.

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Adopt-A-Park is an ideal way for organizations to lead by example in promoting a strong sense of community pride and responsibility, help in the preservation of natural areas, help reduce vandalism, and provide an enjoyable way for volunteers to participate in outdoor activities.

Not only does the Adopt-A-Park Program contribute to the quality of life in Fort Erie, but it also helps to build a better tomorrow!

For more information, interested organizations may contact Signe Hansen, Manager of Parks and Open Space Development, Town of Fort Erie, at 905-871-1600 or shansen@forterie.on.ca.

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For further information or advance ticket sales, contact the Facilities Management Office at (905) 871-1600 & press 2431

Or visit the Town of Fort Erie website at www.forterie.on.ca

Light house tours leave promptly from the Departure and Parking Area - located next to the Berlie Boating Club at 1036 Point Abino Road South. When tour not sold out, tickets are also available at Departure and Parking Area.

(5) 1812 GRAND PARADE INFORMATION

On June 23 Fort Erie will celebrate 1812 with the Grande Parade and Military Tattoo, the largest 1812 Bicentennial celebration in North America! The parade will consist of close to 80 groups including bands, military units, 1812 re-enactors, floats and displays. Following the parade will be a Military Tattoo at Old Fort Erie, as well as an 1812 themed fireworks display designed to recreate the British, Canadian, and Native attack on the Fort in August 1814.

June 23, 2012

1:30 pm	Pre-parade with General Rick Hillier and special guests in antique cars, which will later be displayed at Mather Arch
2:00 pm	Parade starts at Gilmore Rd. and Central Ave., following the Niagara Parkway, and ending at Beattie St. near Old Fort Erie
7:30 pm	Military Tattoo begins at Old Fort Erie.
10:00 pm	1812 themed fireworks display at Old Fort Erie.

June 24, 2012

2:00 pm	Battle of Frenchman's Creek Re-enactment at Frenchman's Creek
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Parking is available at Fort Erie Race Track for a charge of \$5.00. Free shuttle service available to the parade, tattoo and return to the Race Track.

Shuttle Service is scheduled to run every 15-20 minutes.

- Check website for further updates and information.
- Bleacher seating is available for purchase.
- No on-street parking will be permitted along the parade route.

Visit www.FortErie1812.ca for complete event details

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION

PURPOSE: ZONING BY-LAW 129-90 HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT - HOME OCCUPATIONS (SECTION 6.8)

APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 9TH, 2012
LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
TOWN HALL
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APPLICATION #: 353039-0345
TIME: 6:00PM

A location map is not provided with this notice, as the proposed amendment applies to all and various lands within the corporation limits of the Town of Fort Erie.

PROPOSED CHANGE

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a housekeeping amendment of the Town's Zoning By-law to update the provisions for home occupations. The Town has conducted a review of standards for home occupations throughout the Niagara Region and in other jurisdictions. The objective is to improve the By-law by reducing barriers for people choosing to work from home while restricting activities that have the potential to impact on the residential character of the neighbourhood or that will result in nuisance impacts.

Town staff will be available to address any of your questions, comments, or concerns.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk, Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kernahan, MCIP, RPP, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507. Additional detailed information respecting this proposed By-law Amendments is available for Public release in the Community and Development Services Department, Town Hall, during regular business hours.

A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on July 6, 2012. The information report will be available on the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application. After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

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If you do not attend the public meeting but wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law with respect to this application, you are required to make a written request to Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 16th Day of June, 2012.

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

Richard Brady, M.A., MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services
Tel. 905-871-1600 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 Fax 905-871-6411

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

REVISED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICANT/OWNER: LEIGH WHYTE ON BEHALF OF ASHTON HOMES

(WESTERN) LTD. (ALDO VERICILLO)

DATE: July 9, 2012

APPLICATION #:

353038-0068 &

353039-0848

6:00PM

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
TOWN HALL
1 MUNICIPAL CENTRE DRIVE, FORT ERIE

TIME:

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS

PROPOSED CHANGE

Draft Plan Approval and a Zoning By-law Amendment were granted for the Spears Road Estates Subdivision located on the west side of Spears Road and north of Garrison Road to permit the development of 40 single detached dwellings, a public park and a stormwater management pond in July 2006. A public meeting was held on February 2, 2004. The applicant has submitted revised Draft Plan of Subdivision that includes 30 single detached dwellings, 13 townhouse units, 10 semi-detached dwellings, a revised parkland block and additional lands (1054 Garrison Road) that will be used for a stormwater management pond. The revised draft plan also includes a modified future alternate access that is consistent with the Spears/High Pointe Neighbourhood Plan.

The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to change the zoning from Residential 2 R2-360 (H) Zone to an R2 Zone to permit the construction of 4 single detached dwellings and from Residential 2 R2-360 (H) to Residential Multiple 2 RM2 Zone to permit the construction of 13 townhouse dwellings and 10 semi-detached dwellings. The applicant is also requesting a reconfiguration of the Open Space OS Zone to align it with the configuration of the parklands in the revised plan.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above, now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6.

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MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kernahan, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507. A copy of the report will be available to the public on July 6, 2012. The report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

(Back row) Councillors John Hill, Paul Colliard, Bob Steckley (front row) Dave Renshaw, museums and cultural heritage chair, Charlene Nigh of the Point Abino Lighthouse Preservation Society, Councillor Stephen Passero and Richard Alway, chair of the historic sites and monuments board of Canada, attended a ceremony to unveil a commemorative plaque at the Point Abino Lighthouse.

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The personal information gathered is collected under the authority of the *Liquor Licence Act*. The principal purpose of the collection is to assess eligibility for the issuance of a liquor sales licence. Copies of all objections are given to the applicant. The information may also be disclosed pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Manager, Licensing and Registration, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario at the address, telephone numbers or e-mail address listed below.

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Fax: 416-326-5955. E-mail: licensing@agco.on.ca

Point Abino Lighthouse's new look unveiled

Lighthouse is recognized by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Last Friday afternoon a handful of people gathered together to pay tribute to the Point Abino Lighthouse and unveiled a Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada commemorative plaque.

A number of notable people were in atten-

dence including Dave Renshaw, museum and cultural heritage chair, Charlene Nigh of the Point Abino Lighthouse Preservation Society, MP Rob Nicholson and Richard Alway, chair of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

The Point Abino Lighthouse was built on Lake Erie between 1917 and 1918.

Rendered in the late classical revival style and housing, an integrated light and fog horn, the tower has maintained a high degree of integrity since its construction.

The exceptional archi-

“We never lost sight of the true prize. The impossible can happen. Sometimes it just takes a little longer to get there.”

— Charlene Nigh

itecture makes it one of the most aesthetically pleasing lighthouses in Canada, Nicholson said.

The \$1.3 million renovation project included restoration of the exterior concrete structure and metal works, replacement of the windows and doors and a complete recoating of the exterior walls.

Nigh spoke on behalf of the Point Abino Lighthouse Preservation Society, thanking every-

one who supported the preservation of the light house.

She said the completion of the renovations was long and difficult process that could not have been possible without the support of the Town, working with the preservation society.

“We (the society) never lost sight of the true prize,” Nigh said, adding “the impossible can happen—sometimes it just takes a little longer to get there.”

Renshaw also thanked the Town of Fort Erie for all of its support during the renovations.

The reconstruction and preservation of the lighthouse was “a multi-pronged approach involving two level of government.”

The site is an “outwardly diverse and historically significant asset that is standing tall, and standing proud.”

After the ceremony, guests were invited to view the Point Abino Lighthouse.

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Joe Lischka, a volunteer at the Old Fort, is shown some artifacts found by John Triggs and his team of students from Wilfrid Laurier University.

History being unearthed

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

For five weeks, a group of students from Wilfrid Laurier University and their professors have been unearthing some local history.

At the Old Fort, John Triggs and 20 archeology majors have been combing and digging blocked off areas of the historic battlefield, hoping to find anything that could help better tell the story of what happened 200 years ago, on the same grounds they have been conducting the research excavation since May 14.

Triggs says the first phase of the dig will wrap up next week, but there are plans to return and continue looking for historic clues at the historic site.

"This is just the first of what I hope to be a multi-year project," said Triggs when

meeting with the Fort Erie Times this week.

Considering the Niagara area has been and will continue to receive a plethora of attention from history enthusiasts across the continent in the next couple of years, Triggs said choosing the site where his students would conduct the mandatory field work necessary for the archeology program, was an easy decision.

"It seemed fitting to do something here, commemorating the War of 1812 bicentennial," he said.

"And it's a great site. It's pristine," he added.

Since getting started, a number of artifacts have come to the surface... consisting mostly of infantry and regimental buttons, tawarn, musket balls and led from rifles.

Even though the dig is taking place on Canadian soil, it is his understanding that most of what has been found

was most likely left behind by American soldiers and officers.

"We're seeing artifacts that relate to the U.S. forces that were here," he said.

As the research continues into next week, everything that is found will return to the university for further study. And Triggs, as a provincially-licensed archeologist, has two years to prepare a report on what was discovered.

A bio-archeologist has also been on site, in case any human remains are found by Triggs and the students.

"It's not what we're looking for, but it's certainly possible, given the nature of what went on here," he said.

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All animals left outside during the judging process are to be in a confined or secure area.

All registrants will receive an Information Package by early July.

Step 3 - Attend the Awards Ball-Sunday, July 29th, 2012 at the Fort Erie Leasurplex Hall at 5pm.

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Popular mainstream bands a thing of the past

Twenty seven Niagara bands make up live music roster at Friendship Festival

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Friendship Festival's concert series doesn't have any highly known acts attached to it this year, but it's for the best, says the annual celebration's manager, Flo Odding.

This is the first time in the festival's 26 year history that a major recording artist with popularity across Canada is not listed on the bill.

Instead, organizers have decided to showcase about 30 smaller bands, most of whom are from the Niagara Region.

Odding says people are under the impression that recruiting acts that have had mainstream success is the way to go...but really the festival ends up each year with a deficit.

This year, many of the bands are playing for free, simply appreciating the exposure playing at the festival will bring them.

Other bands are being paid a small amount.

If the festival did have a number of expensive performers on the roster this year, it would be trouble

when everything wraps up and all the numbers are crunched.

"We can't keep going in the hole and we don't want to be remembered as the event that had to quit because it ran out of money," said Odding.

Back when bingo funds were in their prime, bringing in expensive bands was a lot easier on the festival's finances.... but unfortunately that is now a thing of the past.

"The lottery days are gone. To think they will ever come back is a pipe dream," she added.

In 2010, the headlining act for the concert series was Hedley, a Canadian band that is popular all over North America.

An agreement was made between the band's management and the festival that how much they cost would not be disclosed.

Odding said the concert brought out one of the largest crowds ever seen in the festival's history, but that still doesn't mean it was a success.

"It wasn't good for us on the bottom line, because we were in the hole that year."

This year, the stage will be set closer to Mather's Arch and will still offer an all-day beer garden that people of all ages can enter. Proper identification will be required to purchase alcoholic beverages.

ages.

The theme of 1812 will also be a strong component at this year's spectacle, with re-enactments and activities that commemorate the upcoming bicentennial. Odding says if the war never took place, there would be no such thing as the Friendship Festival.

"The festival has always been around because of the war of 1812 and the peace that came after it," she said.

There is a long list of events within the festival grounds that people of all ages can enjoy.

Car shows, a pictorial display of past Greater Fort Erie commercial ventures, the Fort Erie Heritage Arts Legacy Chalkwalk competition, the Festival's Got Talent and a number of other activities and shows will be offered.

New to the event this year, is Ultimate Air Dogs Canada, which is a dog-diving show that will likely be enjoyed by many.

The festival runs from June 29 to July 2.

For more information, visit www.friendshipfestival.com.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Gord Johnson, from Big Sugar, performing at last year's Friendship Festival.

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Construction technology class thankful for community donations

TIM-BR Mart donates pre-sure treated lumber for class project

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

While some students are in a classroom learning the periodic table or algebra, there are others at Fort Erie Secondary School (FESS) that could be found making add-on chairs, or building bench covers for the Fort Erie Tennis Club.

The comfortable summer chairs would never have become part of construction technology teacher Brad Ziegler's lesson plan, if it wasn't for the kind donation his class received from Fort Erie TIM-BR Mart, who donated enough pressure treated wood for about 20 students to build them.

"Pressure treated is a

commodity we don't usually have," said Ziegler.

Students have also been working on building a garden shed for a staff member at the local high school.

Ziegler, also a graduate of FESS, says stressing the importance of community relationships, like the

"I feel strongly about being involved in the community..."

— Brad Ziegler



KRIS DUBÉ: Fort Erie Times
Students in Fort Erie Secondary School's construction technology class taking a break for a photo, on Tuesday.

ones his program has made with many local businesses over the years, is something he will continue to do.

"I feel strongly about being involved in the community and I try to instill that with all my kids," said Ziegler.

Student Danny Park

said he wasn't sure what he would be doing with his adirondack chair once it was complete, but seemed open to the idea of giving it to his Dad for Father's Day, this Sunday.

"That's a pretty nice idea," he said.

David Plato says he gets

a lot out of the construction technology class at FESS, because it helps him grow in a line of work he will most likely pursue after graduation, or after a post-secondary education.

"It gives us great hands-on training for the working world," he said.



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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times
Crystal Beach resident Colin Chivers holds the honorary degree given to him by Brock University last week.

Oscar winner honoured by Brock University

Crystal Beach resident has extensive list of titles under his belt

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Colin Chivers is used to working behind a camera, but last week... there were several pointed at him.

At Brock University's convocation, the Crystal Beach resident was awarded with an honorary doctor of law degree by the educational institution and delivered a speech about how he got to where he is today, explaining to graduates that possibilities are endless if you don't shy away from your goals.

Chivers' career highlight in the movie and television business came early, winning the Academy Award in 1980 for best visual effects on the movie Superman. He also had directorial roles and was responsible for special effects in

“I wanted to impress on them that even if you come from a small place, it doesn't mean your future is going to be small.”

— Colin Chivers

the Superman trilogy's next two films.

He was the special effects co-ordinator for the cult-classic the Rocky Horror Picture Show, X-Men, the Bride of Chuckie, Tommy and a number of other titles.

Chivers directed Michael Jackson's music video for "Smooth Criminal" that was also a scene included in the pop-star's movie "Moonwalker," from 1988.

Growing up in England, Chivers said having a career in the entertainment business seemed like a far-fetched twist in the plot of his life.

At the time, telephony or printing seemed like realistic fields he could enter.

"Certainly there was no plausible reason to suggest I

would be able to work in Hollywood movies," he said during his speech.

It was this mind set that made him strive to go beyond average expectations that family and friends may have had for him and instead became highly successful and regarded in his field.

"I wanted to impress on them that even if you come from a small place, it doesn't mean your future is going to be small," said Chivers, when meeting with the Fort Erie Times last week.

He believes the crowd of graduates were most attentive to the part of his speech where he pulled his Oscar statue from under the podium, held it in the air and said "this is mine, go get yours."

The audience loved it, he said. "That got a pretty good round of applause."

He is thrilled to be recognized by Brock University and hopes that in the future their relationship can grow with him offering his expertise to students enrolled in different programs.

"It was really nice to be honoured. It was a bit daunting, there were a lot of people there," he said with a smile.

Chivers has also directed about 70 TV commercials over the years for products such as Micro Machines, Zest, Burger King, Jordache jeans, BMW, Budweiser, and many more.

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Time capsules at OLV share history, look ahead to future

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

In a way, students at Our Lady of Victory (OLV) are abiding by the expression 'out with the old and in with

the new.'

On Thursday, the Fort Erie Times visited the local Catholic School that this year, started all over with a newly-renovated building.

Every class in the school made contributions to a time capsule that has been

placed behind a brick marked '2011' on the building.

Students included class photos, a St. Michael's Church bulletin, a school sports jersey, medals and more.

Courtney Connor, a kin-

dergarten teacher at OLV, said letting the students participate in a project like this is positive for them because it will give them something to reflect on as students of the school later in life.... something she does everyday when she enters

her classroom, considering she is an alumn of OLV too.

"It's important to renew the old and be proud of the new," said Connor.

One day they can come back and have those memories as well," she added.

Cathy Dennahower was a teacher at OLV many years ago and in the 1985-86 academic year, her class buried a time capsule at the senior school, which has now been demolished, part of the school's improvements that were completed last year.

She says former students of hers that still live in town have asked her on occasion, when they would be bringing their capsule up to the surface.

The former teacher feels the students deserve the chance to reflect on a time many years ago, where life was a lot different for them than it is today.

"That's the important part for them," she said.

Greg Isaacs is the school's new parent council chairman and for him, it's the generations of his family

that are part of the school's history and future.

His children attended OLV when the time capsule was buried and now his grandchildren have recently participated in the placing of the school's most recent time capsule.

"There's a connection and it's great to be a part of this," he said.

Randy Paura is the former chair of the parent council and was also on hand on Tuesday to discuss the initiative.

He said it gives students the opportunity to see what took place years ago but also gives them a chance to think about what may lie ahead.

"I think it's important for current generations to look beyond the current timeframe and maintain that continuity," said Paura.

Dennahower will be in front of her home on Lakeshore Road, near Central Avenue during the Friendship Festival, hoping former students will stop by to share their stories about the school.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Our Lady of Victory parent council chair Greg Isaacs, Cathy Dennahower and Randy Paura with a time capsule that was buried at the school in 1986.



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Ryker St. Louis, Winter Moar, Jaunick Vermet, Marlee Russell, teacher Courtney Connor and Vivien Naumovski in front of where a time capsule was recently placed in school body.

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Fashion Show at Friendship Centre

In commemoration of the Native American involvement in the War of 1812 the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC) is presenting a showcase of many aspects of culture. The War of 1812 celebrations is highlighting the alliance of Canada and the Iroquois Nations, says Beverly Hill, event co-ordinator.

In effort to share in these Celebrations, FENFC's 'Sharing Our Traditional Gifts' program will be hosting a fashion show and artifacts showcase, on Friday

June 22.

"There was a collaboration of ongoing programs, all of which contributed items specific to their program such as moccasins, drums, purses, clothing, and these range from children's programs right up through to the seniors programs," Hill said.

"We were hoping to have everything in place at the onset to have them culminate in this presentation, which would coincide with our Aboriginal Day Celebrations on June 21," she said.

The event begins at 4 p.m. with a meet and greet to tour the facility and view the artifacts. The presentation of the Sharing Our Gifts Program begins at 5:15 p.m. featuring a fashion show of traditional outfits created and designed by program participants.

A complimentary tasting dinner of Aboriginal cuisine featuring a performance by the Iroquois Dance Troupe begins at 6:15 p.m. Due to limited seating the Centre requests a call for reservations.

A traditional Iroquois singing and dancing social will follow at 7:15 p.m., featuring a Hoop Dance performance by the FENFC's Native princess, Sara Cotter.

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Golf event will raise money for victim's families

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The staff at Rich Products is a close-knit family.

After losing two of their colleagues in a car accident on the Niagara Parkway last month, a committee has been formed to organize a golf tournament in their name, raising money for their families.

Don Carty and Laura Kostuk met with the Fort Erie Times this week to raise awareness about the tournament on July 29, that will remember Carlos Mejia and Joe Holiko, who were travelling together, when the vehicle they were in entered the Niagara River.

Carty said holding the golf event to raise funds for their families, in such a tough time, was something the staff at the local plant felt was more than necessary.

"It has to be so rough, I don't know how they're coping," said Carty, who pointed out that Mejia's father Jorge is also employed at Rich's.

Holiko had four children at home aged 7, 9, 12 and 16 and was the type of colleague that made friends with everyone that crossed his path.

"There are close knit groups, but Joe was friends with everybody," said Kostuk.

Donations and prizes, along with registrations will be accepted until about July 15.

Cost for golf and dinner is \$60 and just dinner after golf is \$25. There will be a silent auction, a penny sale and much more.

Anyone interested in participating or helping the cause can call Carty at (905) 871-6444 or Kostuk at (289) 303 8829.

Elvis tribute tonight

The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 230 is welcoming two Elvis Presley impersonators tonight for a concert.

The Katolinski Brothers, both of whom performed at the Collingwood Elvis Festival will hit the stage from 3 to 7 p.m.

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Proposed Community Improvement Plan Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre

Purpose of the Open House

The purpose of this Public Open House is to present the proposed draft Community Improvement Plan for Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre, and to receive comments and answer questions from the public regarding the proposal.

The **Public Open House** will be held:

Wednesday, June 27, 2012
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Committee Room 2A & 2B
City of Niagara Falls
4310 Queen Street
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6X5

What is the Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Gateway Community Improvement Plan?

The purpose of preparing a Gateway Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre is to provide a comprehensive framework for the introduction and implementation of financial incentive programs; and municipal leadership actions designed to help accomplish the goals identified in the Province's Growth Plan, and the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Final Report for the employment lands within the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre. The Community Improvement Plan is intended to be complementary to the policies within the proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment for Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre in order to support economic development and job creation.

The Proposed Gateway Economic Zone generally comprises employment lands within the municipalities of Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Thorold, Welland, and Fort Erie, and the Gateway Economic Centre comprises employment lands within the municipalities of Port Colborne, Welland and Thorold.

Have Your Say

Public input on this proposal is welcomed and encouraged. The Open House is being held to obtain your view. You can provide your input by attending the Open House where comment sheets will be made available. Representatives from the Region, their consultants and the respective local municipality will be present to answer questions and discuss the next steps in the Gateway Community Improvement Plan.

Next Steps

It is the intent that following this Open House that Regional Council would be asked to consider endorsement of a Community Improvement Plan that would be circulated to each of the five local municipalities. Each of the five local municipalities (Cities of Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Thorold and Welland, and the Town of Fort Erie) would present a common or similar CIP to their Council for consideration consistent with Planning Act and/or local Official Plan requirements, which would involve the holding of a mandatory public meeting. Details of the proposed CIP can be found at <http://www.niagararegion.ca/government/committees/economic-zone-minutes.aspx>.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact: **Kirk Weaver, Director, Community and Corporate Planning**, Integrated Community Planning Department at: 905 685-4225 ext. 3727 or kirk.weaver@niagararegion.ca.

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate in the Open House, please contact the Accessibility Advisory Co-ordinator at 905-685-4225 ext. 3252, as soon as possible, or accessibility@niagararegion.ca to make the appropriate arrangements.

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Survivors, family members walk to support cancer research

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Julia Gauthier was all smiles when she chopped off her locks last Friday.

But the reason why she was doing it was not for looks—was so she could donate them to someone very important.

"I'm here for my grandfather," she said.

Gauthier was one of several people who had their hair cut at the Relay for Life in Ridgeway.

Maria Costa, and her business partner Nino D'Ambra were at the relay cutting hair for donations to cancer research.

In the weeks leading up to the event, the hair stylist says her salon raised more than \$1,000 toward the event.

It's an important event and more than ever it's important to get out in

the community and help others because cancer touches so many lives, she says.

When Lori Taraba's son Brock was a baby, he was diagnosed with cancer.

It was a shocking blow and Taraba was "in complete disbelief."

Fast forward 13 years later and Brock is the perfect picture of health.

Now, Brock is a happy teenager who wakes every morning and thinks of each day "as a blessing."

He was one of about 50 people who took the survivor's victory lap before the relay began.

He is the reason why Taraba became involved with the Canadian Cancer society and she became involved with Relay for Life events in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

She also acted as emcee for last Friday's event.

If it wasn't for all of cancer research, which has helped save many lives, Taraba says her son's story might have ended much differently.

"The Relay for Life is important because it brings hope. My son is a cancer survivor who was diagnosed at 10 months. Without cutting edge research, he wouldn't be here.

Michelle Harder, fundraising co-ordinator, says the turnout was amazing—especially because of the hardship Fort Erie residents are facing with many job losses in the community.

She says all of the proceeds raised from the event will go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

"It's not very easy right now for many in Fort Erie and we are especially grateful for the generosity."



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Maria Costa cut Julia Gauthier's hair at the Relay for Life event held in Ridgeway last Friday.

Plenty of summer activities for the family at library



Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Susan Jovanovic brings her family to the Fort Erie Public Library every Thursday and the occasional Saturday.

Many people may not realize, but there are many opportunities for fun and excitement, she says.

"We come weekly because it's good wholesome, inexpensive fun—something we rely a lot on."

Jovanovic says she grew up always going to the library and it's something she wanted to share with her children.

"Why wouldn't anyone go to the library? There are books, movies and lots of activities."

Amy Roebuck, community services coordinator, says there is plenty of activities on

the calendar for children to do this summer.

Super Science Days are back this year. Children can learn how to make their own ice cream on June 22 at the Centennial Branch at 4 p.m.

Kids can learn how to create tie-dye T-Shirts during T-shirt Session on June 30 at the Crystal Ridge Library on June 30 at 10:30 p.m.

Other exciting events including the Imagine TD Summer Reading program which begins July 4, along with Summer Story Time.

There will also be craft tables, lego fun, chess tournaments, knitting workshops, family film Fridays and video game tournaments.

Walter the listening dog, a patient, attentive dog will bring a friend from St. John's

Ambulance and invite children to read to them.

And there is plenty for parents to do with recent movies for older library goes to enjoy every Monday at the Crystal Ridge Branch at 2 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial Branch. Tickets are \$2.

Author Brenda Misen will be at the Centennial branch June 18, at 7 p.m. to talk about her book, Tell Anna She's Safe, give a reading and answer questions.

The book is her account of the loss of her friend due to domestic violence, and her own part in the struggle for justice.

For a complete list of summer activities visit the Fort Erie Public Library or phone 905-871-2546.

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times
From left to right Dad John, Jonathan, JonMichael, Theodora, Mom Susan and Joshua Jovanovic visit the Centennial Branch of the Fort Erie Public Library every week for games, activities, books and movies.

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Early glimpse at next year's roster for high school football team



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Ethan Charbonneau and some of his teammates doing drills at a spring practice held last week for the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School Blue Devils, that also consists of players from Fort Erie Secondary School.

Blue Devils and Falcons still uniting as one squad

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The rivalry between the Falcons and the Blue Devils is fading.

In fact, it's becoming more of a partnership every year, especially when it comes to local high school football.

This week, the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School Blue Devils held a spring practice series, but don't let the name fool you.

In September, the third year of the Blue Devils welcoming players from Fort Erie Secondary School onto the roster of its football team will begin.

Calvin Nigh, one of the team's coaches, says there are six guys who will most likely make the squad.

Seeing an average of about 15 to 20 players out each night this week, is also a good sign that there is plenty of dedication on the early line-up.

"The whole team is committed, we have a great bunch of kids," said Nigh.

"The whole team is committed, we have a great bunch of kids."

—Calvin Nigh

Last year, FESS ran its own junior team but senior players headed to RCBHS for the athletic season.

This year, they are hoping to get things started with an amalgamated program between both schools.

Luc Gerritsen, who has ran the football program at FESS for the last number of years, is looking forward to bringing the talent in each school together as one unit. It will "foster a community spirit," he feels.

"Hopefully we can get a full junior team too," said Gerritsen.

The team has also recruited Dave Sauer, who has coached with the Niagara Generals and Longhorns.

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Thank You!

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To all of you, sincere thanks from, Harold, Mary Kay, Lee & Tara van Brussel

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Deaths



CRERAR, Cameron R. - February 2, 1925 - June 7, 2012 - R.C.A.F. Veteran WWII. Peacefully, on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the Perley-Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, Ottawa at the age of 87 years. Beloved husband of Nora (nee Donnell). Loving father of Howard (Diane) and grandfather of Abby. Loving brother of Jean Bellamy of Hamilton and brother in law of Mary Crerar of Chesley. Loving brother in law of Alex Donnell, Donald (Jane) Donnell and Diana Seabach all of Fort Erie and Helen Colman of Calgary. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and extended family. Predeceased by seven brothers and sisters. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends from 10 am until the time of Funeral Services in the Benner Funeral Chapel at 11 am on Saturday, June 16, 2012. Interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery.

MIDDLETON, Mary - Mary passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie on June 12, 2012 at the age of 79. She was the loving wife of the late William. Proud and giving mother to Marilyn Whitehouse and Stewart (Bobbie-Jean) Middleton. Loving grandmother to Samantha and Tanner Middleton. Cherished sister of Margaret McIvor of New Byth Scotland. Mary was a kind and generous person who consistently made an effort for others. Baseball and Hockey organizations, charity bingo and the Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans Club were all beneficiaries of her dedication. She will be fondly remembered by all those that had the opportunity to know her. The family will gather to greet friends and remember Mary on June 23rd from 12-4 at the Army Navy and Airforce Veterans Club (765 Third St. Mississauga) www.bennerfuneralservices.com



Deaths



HUTTON, Robert Ernest 'Emie' - in his 92nd year passed away peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital June 14, 2012. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Pat, to whom he was married for 61 yrs. He was a great encouragement and very proud of his children and will be lovingly remembered by each one. Terry (Christine), Gary (Chanzina) and Kathy (Bob) Stapleton. He also leaves behind his ten precious grandchildren, Darryl (Andrea) Stapleton, Laura (Shannon) Hegan, Heather Stapleton, Tim (Kallie), Liam (Kim), Simon, Melanie Stapleton, Ryan, Roy, Stephen and Great Granddaughter Adelia Hegan. His parents, three brothers and four sisters have all predeceased him. Emie was born in Belfast, Ireland coming to Canada with his parents at the age of 3. He was an avid baseball player with a good pitching arm. When he was 16 his parents went back to Ireland taking Emie with them. When WW2 broke out he worked at the Belfast shipyards joining the British Merchant Navy when he became of age. After the war he went to NZ to work. During a short stay in hospital he met and later married Pat. When their firstborn, Terry, was 7 months old they sailed to Canada to join Emie's family in Fort Erie. Emie was employed by Canada Customs, retiring after 29yrs of service. While working at Customs Emie built their first home on Catherine St. did odd jobs, coached his sons' hockey and baseball teams and took his family camping every summer. After retiring in 1985 Emie and Pat enjoyed many years of travelling throughout Canada as well as other countries. Emie was a dedicated husband and father. Even though we had many years together he will be sadly missed. Family will receive friends at THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 Monday. Services under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 71 will take place at the funeral home on Monday evening at 6:45 pm. A celebration of Robert's life will be held in the chapel Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations would be appreciated to Alzheimer Society of Canada. Sharing of memories, pictures and condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca.

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In memoriam



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In Memory of a Dear Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, who passed away June 15, 1999.

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To my husband and our father,
Missing you on your Birthday
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Love, your wife Barbara, kids Debbie,
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In loving memory of a dear father, son and brother who went to be with our Lord on June 17, 1996.

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your daughters, Savannah, Nikita,
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Fort Erie Cannons starting pitcher Cam Hall is congratulated by Justin Hall, after getting his team out of the first inning with no score, after the Merritt Alliance loaded the bases.

Cannons split this week's games

Behind some solid pitching by starter Mike Fowler, who limited the home team to just two hits over four innings, the Cannons won on the road Monday 6-2 over the Thorold Mariners.

Pat Giampaolo went two for three and Josh Bessems was a perfect three for three at the plate.

This provided the necessary offense for the win. Wednesday at home, the Cannons lost 3-1 to the Merritt Alliance in a very well played game by both teams.

Starter Cam Hall suffered his first loss of the season scattering nine hits over five innings while striking out five

batters.

Lefty Rick Brennan threw two shut out innings in relief.

The Cannons stranded 12 base runners against a stingy Merritt defense.

Nate Walls was the offensive star for the home side, going two for three at bat.

The next home game is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. against the Thorold Mariners, at Oakes Park.

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Ridgeway United player Kristen Wardick in action, during a 4-0 loss to Welland on Wednesday night at Ferndale Park.

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